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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: IDB, SHUM, PA

SUBJEC5: SLOWDOWN ON TRANCHACO HIGHWAY

LINKED TO IAHC VISIT

1. FRIDAY EVENING EDITION OF ULTIMA HORA CARRIED A BANNER HEADLINE ANNOUNCING THAT WORK ON THE TRANCHACO HIGHWAY COULD SOON BE PARALYZED FOR LACK OF FUNDS. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT THE FINANCING FOR THE TRANCHACO HIGHWAY WOULD RUN OUT IN JUNE AND THAT AN APPLICATION HAD BEEN MADE TO THE IDB FOR A LOAN TO COVER THE COST OVERRUN. THE ARTICLE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES" THE POLICY OF THE USG ON HUMAN RIGHTS IS CAUSING A DELAY IN THE LOAN PROGRAM FOR PARAGUAY THIS YEAR, AND THAT ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THE IDB IN THIS RESPECT IS AN IAHC VISIT, THE DATE OF WHICH WILL BE FIXED IN MARCH. AFTER COMMENTING ON THE EXTEND OF THE ROAD PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY, THE ARTICLE CLOSED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT ANY STOPPAGES OF WORK ON THE TRANCHACO WOULD BE EXTREMELY PREJUDICIAL TO THE ROAD, SINCE MUCH OF IT IS STILL NOT SURFACED AND THE PREPARED BASE AND SUBSURFACE COULD BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED BY WIND AND RAIN.

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2. COMMENT: SOURCE OF STORY IS NOT RPT NOT EMBASSY. WHEN QUERIED LATER BY NEWSMAN, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID EMBASSY WAS NOT SOURCE AND REFERRED QUESTIONS TO APPROPRIATE GOP AND IDB OFFICIALS. ONE OF MORNING PAPERS REPORTED STORY ON SATURDAY, BUT ONLY AS A RUMOR, STATING THAT NEITHER US EMBASSY NOR IDB REPRESENTATIVE COULD CONFIRM AND NOTING THAT MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS UNAVAILABLE.

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